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Re: Application of Joao Luis Marques Pereira MONTERIRO, Ana Maria Moreira Ferreira DAROCHA, Mario Filipe Araujo Goncalves LIMA, Julio Manuel de Sousa Barreiros MARTINS, Mario Duarte ARAUJO, Carlos Alberto Caridade Monteiro COUTO, and Fernando Jorge De Castro Vieira MENDES  
 MULTIAXIAL UNIVERSAL TESTING MACHINE  
 Assignee: UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO  
 Our Ref: Q93459

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the International Application.
- ☒ three (3) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3).
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references and copy of each reference cited in the ISR.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).



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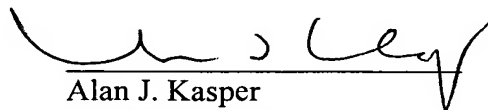
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

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